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February 23, 2001

Mr. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor
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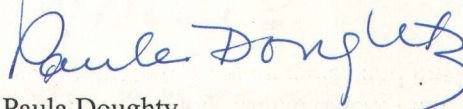
Subject: Review of the 1998 Update of the Reclamation Plan for DOGM Permit
#M/035/002 and the June 2000 Bingham Canyon Mine Water Management Plan

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (Kennecott) has reviewed the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) and Division of Water Quality (DWQ), February 9, 2001, comments on the 1998 Update of the Reclamation Plan and the June 2000 Bingham Canyon Mine Water Management Plan. Kennecott agrees with the principle of combining the review process for the two State agencies and envisions producing a single document that addresses both agencies' concerns.

During Kennecott's initial review, many substantive comments were identified that will require some time to address. Some of these comments will require a detailed literature review or extensive data collection and interpretation. Other issues will require company-wide discussions and coordination to address. In order to address these comments in a meaningful manner, Kennecott requests that the deadline for submittal of a single revised document be postponed to nine months after the receipt of your letter on February 12, 2001. Rich Borden of my staff has already discussed this issue with Anthony Gallegos of DOGM and Dan Hall of DWQ. If you have any questions or comments about this request, please give me a call at 252-3257 or Rich Borden at 252-3651.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Don Ostler, DWQ

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